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### NEW ARTS & SCIENCES PROGRAM TO BENEFIT INCOMING FRESHMEN

Beginning in September, the University of San Diego will offer clusters of preceptorial classes to freshmen to strengthen their general education.

The preceptorial program allows freshmen to enroll in small, seminar-sized classes usually reserved for upper classmen, and provides them with academic counselors.

By clustering the classes, "this offers students the opportunity to deal with important questions from the standpoint of more than one discipline," explained Arts and Sciences Dean Joseph Pusateri.

Two clusters, or sets of classes, are planned, with the themes: "The Nature and Limits of Expression" and "Humanities and Technology."

Under "The Nature and Limits of Expression," freshmen will take seminars in linguistics, music, philosophy, religious studies and speech communications.

"In this cluster, we will be interested in examining the many forms that the human power of expression has taken and determining the strengths and limits of these various modes of expression," Pusateri said.

Under "Humanities and Technology," freshmen will take courses in music, philosophy, art, history and literature.

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"This cluster will bring the viewpoints of several disciplines to bear on the nature, history and purposes of technology, in order to achieve the broadest possible concept of technology and its relations to human culture," he said.

Although USD has offered preceptorials to freshmen for the past ten years, this is the first time the university is able to offer clusters.

This was made possible by a \$70,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Barton Thurber, chairman of the English Department, will head up the "Humanities and Technology" cluster, while Lawrence Hinman, chairman of the Philosophy Department, will direct the cluster for "The Nature and Limits of Expression."

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